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Applicant(s): Frank J. Viola

Examiner: Smith, Scott A.

Serial No.: 10/528,889

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For: **ANGLED SURGICAL FASTENER APPARATUS**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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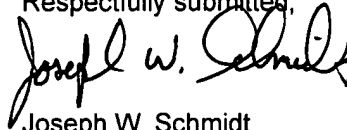
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

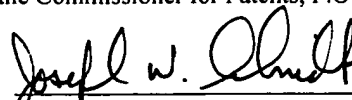
Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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